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Dear Parents and Carers

Evidence shows us that there is a direct link between a student's attendance and punctuality and their attainment in exams. Put simply, the more lesson time students miss, the lower their chances of passing their GCSEs. However, in addition to the impact poor punctuality has on a child's own learning, lateness to lessons also causes a significant disruption to the learning of those students who have arrived on time.

Whilst some lateness is sadly unavoidable, such as bus delays or unforeseen traffic jams, much of our students' lateness is avoidable: failing to set or wake up to an alarm, walking slowly with friends or lingering in the community rather than going directly to school are all common reasons why students arrive late to school.

In order to address this disruption to learning, from Thursday 29 April, any student who arrives late to school will be issued with a same day, one hour detention. This means any student who arrives in school after 8.40am without a good reason will be kept behind after school until 4.00pm. Students who require buses to travel home will be able to catch the later bus at 4.30pm.

If their child has a late detention, parents will be informed on the day as early as possible.

Your support in this matter is gratefully appreciated.

Yours faithfully

Mr N Smith
Head of School